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All of these societies have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

The Association was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity. In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

The National Alliance was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

The Union was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

The Temperance Society is practically the working committee of the Unitarian churches to promote the cause of temperance in every way possible. It publishes and freely distributes addresses, pamphlets, leaflets and tracts, and furnishes temperance news and facts to the public press. It arranges for conferences on the subject of temperance and sends speakers to general meetings where this subject may properly have a share in the interest and attention.

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EDITORIAL

ONE of the unpleasant duties of the Secretary of the Association is that of returning to their authors manuscripts which have been submitted for publication. The children of one's intellect are not unlike one's physical offspring. It would be an unnatural parent who could regard them with indifference. Have they not come into this world with travail? Are they not the objects of pride and affection? Is any one justified in not regarding them with admiration? Is not the parent's eye of love to be trusted when estimating their value?

These manuscripts are rarely without merit, and often those that have very great value are returned with sympathetic comments.

IT should be clearly understood that the fate of a manuscript thus submitted does not depend upon the judgment of any one person. It is read carefully by each member of the Publication Committee and no final decision is reached until this Committee has met and considered all the factors involved. When a manuscript is accepted, or declined, it is in accordance with a majority vote of the Publication Committee. It is rarely that an adverse verdict is given because a manuscript is without availability, and it is equally infrequent that one is accepted without hesitation on the part of one or more members of the Committee.

WHAT is the criterion most often used by the Publication Committee when considering the availability of a manuscript submitted for our list of free tracts? It is difficult to answer that question and perhaps no sufficient one can be given. There are many conditions to be considered, and doubtless no two manuscripts are accepted or rejected for identical reasons. Probably the majority of the manuscripts submitted are recommended by people who have been deeply impressed by some particular sermon or address delivered in some church or at some conference, or other public meetings. Incidentally, after such an experience, it occurs that the address in question would be "just the thing" for the American Unitarian Association to issue as one of its free tracts. Accordingly, a letter urging that the matter be considered is sent to 25 Beacon Street and, in due time, the manuscript is submitted to the Committee. If it is accepted, all is well. If it is declined, all may not be so well. The one who makes such a request may not appreciate the fact that what is delivered in public, with a strong personality behind it, and the general setting of a public assembly, often attended by music and devotional services, may make an impression which is very different from any effect it can have when reduced to cold type and placed before the reader in printed form. The Committee, in considering such an address, is utterly dependent upon the written and not the spoken word. Its decision therefore is often quite surprising, not to say disappointing, to the one who, under the influence of the occasion when the address was originally made, thought

it the "grandest thing" he or she had ever heard.

MANY manuscripts submitted to the Committee are most admirable for "home consumption." They might well be published by the local church and distributed to a sympathetic and receptive local public. They have a very forceful local application, or they may have special references to current events and yet would have but slight practical value five, or ten, or twenty years hence. With few exceptions the tracts in our free list are fundamental and permanent in character. Occasionally new editions are "brought up to date," or revised; but in the main they may be printed in large numbers without any danger of becoming obsolescent. For instance, manuscripts making special reference to "Billy Sunday," which have recently been submitted, would probably have in a few years from now no special point for the reading public.

THE request has sometimes been made that the Committee abandon the present method of accepting manuscripts that are sent in. The suggestion has been made that the list be thoroughly examined and when the discovery is made that some important subject is not properly treated some competent pe son, an expert perhaps along the line under consideration, be requested to prepare a pamphlet on that subject. This suggestion is a good one so far as technical themes are under consideration, but the experience of the Publication Committee does not favor a general rule of this character. When any person is requested to furnish literary material of this kind there is a sort of implied understanding that his work *will be* accepted or, if not accepted, that the Publication Department will remunerate him for his labor. Even this condition might not be of great importance were it not for the fact that "ordered" manuscripts are quite likely to lack spontaneity and force. It is doubtful if any list of religious literature contains more vitality and is better able to quicken the intellect along the lines of religious thought than those at present distributed by the Unitarians, and this is owing very largely to the fact that, in the majority of instances, our tracts leap into existence under the impulse of a commanding inspiration. For this reason it seems much wiser for the Committee to consider such productions as have come full-fledged from the pens of their authors, even though many of them for one reason or another are returned. The expert can generally manage the "letter" but the prophetic utterance is not infrequently made by one who offers no pretension to expert technical ability.

A MANUSCRIPT may cover the ground already treated by some former publication in the list of free pamphlets. It may even be a better treatment of the subject than the one in stock. But the difference may not be great enough to justify an expenditure of a considerable sum of money in addition to the amount already invested in plates and printed matter for practically the same purpose. Of course, there can be no harm in some duplications; but just where and to what extent it is expedient and justifiable must be left to the judgment of the Committee appointed for that purpose.

THE output of tracts this year will exceed that of 1913–14 by more than 150,000. There are several causes for this large increase The first and most important is the widening interest in Unitarianism itself. In thousands of instances our tracts fall into the hands of people who have, by their own unaided reflections, acquired the Unitarian habit of mind. The public school and college, familiarity with modern science and the gradual loss of confidence in those doctrines that imply superstition and miracle all combine to turn the modern mind in upon itself for saner and more fundamental definitions. When such people happen to read a Unitarian tract they are surprised and gratified and apply for more. As they continue to read their enthusiasm is

kindled. They eagerly seek out, among their friends and acquaintances, others whom they have reason to believe are ready for what to them is the new light. Each "convert" becomes—not a proselyter in the usual sense—but a friend of our cause and a zealous apostle in behalf of the faith that has brought him peace of mind and an increased joy in religion. As one correspondent has expressed it: "My awakening and enlightenment came at forty-four, and now at forty-five I am radiantly happy, the first I have ever known. . . . My life has been truly made new. I am one of those who has thought himself out of the old faith into the new and am intensely eager for greater knowledge and larger work."

This process has now gone on until we begin to experience the rising tide of interest in our literature. The demand enlarges constantly and there is no prospect that, as the years go on, we shall not be compelled to meet an almost arithmetical increase in the number of free pamphlets applied for.

AMONG other factors that have contributed to this year's spread of Unitarianism is the systematic endeavor on the part of local ministers to put before the public where the "Billy Sunday" revivals have prevailed, the truth concerning the "heresy" which that evangelist so bitterly assails. Mr. Sunday evidently knows practically nothing about Unitarianism itself. His references to it certainly do not reveal any "sweet reasonableness" on his part. When he refers to it at all, he does not ever seem to imagine that thousands of good people are just as sincere and devout in their Unitarianism as he is in his Orthodoxy. And so, instead of offering some reasons to show why Unitarianism should be avoided, he merely hurls the mud of his ribald invective at it. Thoughtful people are not satisfied with such a treatment of the religion of many great souls and begin to seek fuller information concerning it. This has led to an increased demand for Unitarian literature.

NOR should we forget to mention, as another reason for the enlarged output of Unitarian tracts, the three addresses of Dr. Charles W. Eliot, viz. "The Religion of the Future," "Twentieth Century Christianity," and "The Crying Need of a Renewed Christianity." These addresses, published as free tracts, have gone in large numbers to every corner of the land. They have incurred a varied reception—all the way from violent condemnation and ridicule, to the belief that they are oracular and worthy to be rated as the literature of inspiration. But Dr. Eliot's addresses have also opened the way to a further knowledge of our cause on the part of hundreds who otherwise would have known nothing about it. "Having read Dr. Eliot's 'The Crying Need of a Renewed Christianity' I am desirous of learning more about Unitarianism. Will you kindly send me any literature you may have upon the subject?" is a frequent request.

THE work of the American Unitarian Association is varied and important but no feature of it is of greater importance than that accomplished through the written page. This was the first work taken up by the Association in 1825 and it has been continued from that date to this; and, while the influence of the free publications cannot be gathered in statistical form, we have every reason to believe that it would alone justify the existence of the Association. Millions of people have been emancipated from a kind of mental and moral thraldom and have experienced renewed religious impulses through our tracts. This influence is increasing rapidly, and there has never been a time since Unitarianism began to be organized when it has commanded more attention or done more effective work.

American Unitarian Association

Headquarters: 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D. D., *President* — Henry M. Williams, *Treasurer*
Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, *Secretary* — F. Stanley Howe, *Assistant Secretary*

Ministerial Personals

Rev. H. A. Pease, M.D., has resigned at Wheeling, W. Va., to accept a call to Ithaca, N. Y.

Rev. R. W. Borst has resigned at Fresno, Cal., and the pulpit there is now supplied by Rev. C. Ruess.

Rev. J. G. Garrison, lately of the Meadville Theological School, has accepted a call to Eureka, Cal.

Rev. J. C. Mitchell has resigned at Greeley, Col.; and Rev. A. D. K. Shurtleff at Bridgewater, Mass.

Journeys

The Sunday appointments of the president during the month of April were April 4th at Fall River, Mass., April 11th at Worcester, Mass., April 18th at the Arlington Street Church, Boston, and Woburn, Mass., and April 25th at Exeter and Dover, N. H.

The secretary of the Association has met Sunday appointments at the Harvard Street Church in Cambridge on April 4th, at Harvard on April 11th, Leominster on April 18th and Hardwick on April 25th.

The secretary-at-large has preached at Hingham, Mass., Indianapolis, Ind., and Dayton, O., and attended the meeting of the Southern Conference at Louisville, Ky.

Rev. E. A. Coil of Marietta, O., and Rev. T. P. Byrnes, of Erie, Penn., have led special meetings in the church at Lancaster, Penn.

Rev. C. R. Bodwell of Harvard is conducting a series of meetings at Oklahoma, carrying forward the work of the Society there.

Rev. F. W. Pratt of Norfolk, Va., has attended the Southern Conference and spoken at Pittsburg and Meadville, Penn., and at Huntington, W. Va.

Mr. Charles A. Murdock, vice-president of the General Conference, formerly a director of the Association, and the editor of the *Pacific Unitarian*, has accepted a commission from the Association to visit all the churches on the Pacific Coast.

Church Buildings

The new parish house of the church in Wollaston, Mass., was dedicated on April 26th. Among those who took part in the service were the President of the Association, the President of the Norfolk Conference and the Mayor of Quincy.

The Society in Brunswick, Me., has sold its church, which has long been closed, and proposes to deposit the proceeds with the Association as a trust fund.

The new parsonage of the church in Ellsworth has been purchased and the title placed in trust with the Association.

Attractive designs have been prepared for new churches for the Second Society in Brookline and for the Christian Union Society of Reading.

Anniversary Week

Anniversary Week will be celebrated in Boston after the usual fashion in the week beginning May 24th. The order of the meetings will follow the habit of former years. There will be daily services of morning prayer at King's Chapel at 9 o'clock, and vesper services at 5 o'clock in the First Church. The speaker at the meeting of the Ministerial Union in Channing Hall on Monday morning, May 24th, will be Rev. William C. Gannett. On Monday afternoon the public meeting of the Alliance will be addressed by Mr. Holmes of New York and Dr. Crothers of Cambridge. The annual meeting of the League of Unitarian Laymen will be addressed by Hon. George W. Coleman, President of the Boston City Council, Rev. C. W. Casson and Mr. A. C. Burnham. The Secretary and the Field Secretary will also present their annual reports.

On Monday evening there will be a

public meeting and reception at the First Parish Church in Cambridge. The speakers are to be Rev. William L. Sullivan of New York and Dr. Francis G. Peabody of Cambridge. A reception will follow in the Parish House at which the President of the Association and Mrs. Eliot, Dr. and Mrs. Crothers, Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Eliot and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Thorp will receive.

Tuesday will be completely occupied with the Annual Meeting of the Association, with the anniversary sermon in the evening. On Wednesday morning the speaker at the Berry Street Conference will be Rev. M. St. C. Wright of New York. The Fellowship for Social Justice will be addressed at its meeting by Dr. C. H. Levermore of the World's Peace Foundation, and Mr. W. H. Crook. The Temperance Society will be addressed by Mr. Holmes of New York and Mr. Wiers of Montclair, N. J. In the evening the Unitarian Festival will be held in Tremont Temple under the guidance of Hon. Samuel E. Winslow, Member of Congress from the Worcester District.

Thursday will be filled with the meetings of many different societies, culminating in the public meeting of the Young People's Religious Union in the Second Church, at which Mr. Sullivan of New York will be the preacher.

Friday is given to the morning and afternoon sessions of the Sunday School Society, with discussions in the morning on "How to Raise the Standard of Sunday School Work" opened by Mr. Letchworth of Buffalo, and in the afternoon addresses by Dr. J. H. Randall of New York and Mrs. E. W. White of Boston. The sessions and festival of the Free Religious Society will take place on the same day.

These meetings ought to attract the interest and the attendance of many loyal Unitarians.

This year the details of the program are practically all in hand and the preliminary and final programs will be consolidated. This program will be mailed about May 5 direct, (1) to all settled ministers, (2) with the credentials, to the clerks of all delegate societies, to be handed to their lay delegates, (3) to all life members with their annual membership cards, (4) together with the usual quantities to churches within reasonable distance from the place of meeting. Ministers and others wishing additional copies may secure them promptly by addressing the Assistant Secretary, 25 Beacon Street.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday, May 25th, in Tremont Temple, and it is to be hoped that the Life and Delegate Members of the Association will be present in large numbers. The meeting begins at 10 A. M. The morning session will be devoted to the reports of the Treasurer and the Secretary and to the reports of the various Special Commissions appointed under the votes of the last Annual Meeting. These Commissions will presumably report in print, with some additional comments from the chairmen. The special business of the morning will be the discussion of the very important amendments to the Constitution of the Association presented in the report of the Special Commission last year. The morning session will conclude with the annual address of the President of the Association. In the afternoon there will be the usual election of officers and directors, the transaction of business, and addresses by several representatives of the missionary cause. In the evening the Anniversary Sermon will be preached in Tremont Temple by Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham.

Finances

Word and Work goes to press before the returns of the final week of the fiscal year of the Association are completed. It is evident that this has been a hard year in which to raise money for missionary causes. It is safe, however, to affirm that the contributors to the work of the Association have done better than most of the great Christian communions. The standard of giving has been for the most part pretty well maintained. The record will probably show that there have

been more losses in the contributions of the churches than there have been gains, but that was to be expected considering the pressure of local responsibility and the vast gifts that have gone to public relief work. All the more gratifying is the record of those churches that have been able to increase their gifts over those of former years. The Societies in Spokane, Wash., Louisville, Ky., and Portland, Me., make excellent advances and there are encouraging increases in the gifts of the Societies in Concord, N. H., Hanska, Minn., Colorado Springs, Col., Northampton, Mass. Andover, N. H., and Sturbridge, Mass. The Second Society in Brookline and the Third Society in Cambridge make a better record than last year. Some of the larger givers have found the year peculiarly difficult and the Directors anticipate that on the whole the financial record will show some decrease in the contributions of the churches, but not a decrease which will make a serious deficit. The full accounts will be presented to the members of the Association at the Annual Meeting on May 25th.

The June Number

Subscribers to *Word and Work* are hereby informed that the June number of the paper will not appear until about the 15th of the month. This issue is regularly held back in order that there may be included the reports of the meetings of Anniversary Week, which it would not be possible to prepare in time for issue the 1st of the month. This notice is inserted for your information and to prevent any concern over the failure of the paper to arrive on schedule time.

Special Commission on Methods of Administration

It will be remembered that at the Annual Meeting in 1913 a special commission was appointed to "*examine and report on the status of the American Unitarian Association as to the legal and proper scope and limitations of its powers under its charter, and to recommend such changes in any respect as may seem to them advisable.*"

The report of this commission was presented at the last Annual Meeting, including suggested amendments to the by-laws of the Association. These changes will be voted upon this year, and any persons desiring to secure copies of the report of the commission with these recommendations may do so by applying to the Assistant Secretary, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. It will be remembered that this report was mailed to all life members and to ministers in advance of the Meeting of 1914, and it is also included in the Annual Report for 1914, so that persons having either of these documents will not need to apply again, but any who may have lost their copies or who do not have the Annual Report available may secure it for consideration in advance of the Meeting, by addressing the Assistant Secretary, as above.

Isle of Shoals Summer Meetings Association

The Executive Committee is now ready to receive, through its Treasurer, applications for membership in this year's sessions which are to be held at the "Oceanic," Star Island, from Saturday, July 10th (the meetings to commence Sunday, July 11th) to Sunday, July 25th, inclusive.

For membership in the Association for one year send one dollar ($1.00) for each person for each week (Summer Meetings, July 11-18; Sunday School Institute, July 19-25). Those who wish to attend the Sunday School Institute are privileged to come Saturday, July 17th, and to take part in the closing sessions of the Summer Meetings on payment of one fee. In sending for the certificate state full name (with Mr., Mrs., Miss affixed) of *each* member of the party, as well as the *full address* of *each* member. Also state for just which week membership certificate is desired.

The "Oceanic" will again be under the capable management of Mr. V. D. Harrington who has given such admirable service during past years. The rates are $12.00 and $14.00 per week, according to location of rooms, or, when the stay is less than for a week, $2.00 per day for every room per person.

Owing to the limited accommodations the Executive Committee has decided to cancel any pre-engagements or requests for rooms. Persons who have already applied are requested to apply again. If any have sent their membership fees, additional fees need *not* be sent, but such persons are asked to state if they have previously remitted.

Each application for rooms should include:

(1.) Double or single room desired? (No double rooms to one person.)

(2.) $12.00 or $14.00 room wanted?

(3.) Exact duration of stay. (*Very important!*)

(4.) Self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(5.) Check or Post-office order (*not stamps*), made out to the Treasurer. Remit $1.00 for each person for each week.

No telephone requests will be received.

Make all applications to

CARL B. WETHERELL, *Treasurer.*
1 Fuller Place,
Cambridge Cambridge, Mass.

April 17, 1915.

The Unitarian Tour to San Francisco

Only a limited number of places in the Unitarian party to the Annual Conference in San Francisco are now left, and those wishing to be sure of accommodations should make immediate arrangements for reservation. The number of applicants has exceeded expectations, and it has been found necessary, for practical reasons, to limit the size of the party. Places may be reserved either directly of Thos. Cook and Son, 336 Washington Street, Boston, or through Rev. Sydney B. Snow, 2 Chestnut Street, Boston.

Department of Religious Education

This department cooperates with the New Hampshire Association in a Sunday School Institute for three days of the week of special meetings to be held in Proctor Academy, Andover, New Hampshire, beginning June 28. The completed program for the week of meetings, and also for the forenoon sessions of the first three days which will treat of the topics of religious education, will be ready for distribution in a short time. At present we are able to announce that for one of the lecturers we have secured Dr. Charles Foster Kent, of Yale University. These meetings at Andover will give opportunity to many who are not able to attend the longer Institutes at either Meadville or the Shoals, to hear some inspiring words and gain some valuable helps in the direction of a better religious training for the children and young people of our churches.

Bulletin No. 9, on the subject, "Grading a Small Sunday School," by the Associate Secretary of this Department, Rev. Florence Buck, has just been issued from the press and will soon be ready for distribution. It may be ordered in any desired quantities by our schools and by any who are interested in the subject. It is hoped that it may offer some assistance to any who are anxious to better the instruction in the school of religion and to provide a more orderly and progressive course for the children who are being trained in our churches.

Department of Social and Public Service

After Easter the tendency among the churches is to bring activities to a close rather than to begin anything new, but this does not mean that the Department has nothing to do. These weeks of spring are the period when preparations are going forward for summer enterprises.

The dates of the Social Service Institute, to be held under the joint auspices of the Meadville Theological School and the Department of Social and Public Service, have been fixed for July 19 to August 13 inclusive. An interesting and suggestive program is being prepared. It has been necessary to make some rearrangement of the subjects to be considered, and the order now determined upon is as follows: For the first week, July 19 to 23 inclusive, the general topic will be "The church and recreation, education and festivals." Three lectures will be devoted to public recreation

and the duty of the church toward the spirit of youth, and five lectures to various forms of activity such as the social center, vocational schools, forums, men's clubs, young people's societies, etc. Two or three lectures will be devoted to the church and the immigrant, and five to a consideration of festivals and pageants, with special reference to patriotism, labor, history, art and religion.

The general theme of the second week, July 26 to 30 inclusive, will be "The church and public health, housing and sanitation." The secretary of the Department will give five lectures on the various aspects of good and bad housing. Mr. Bernard J. Newman, secretary of the Philadelphia Housing Commission will have three lectures on "bad water," "bad air" and "bad food." Prof. Anna Garlin Spencer will have five conferences on what the church can do to help in the health crusades. These will consist of short addresses followed by discussion.

The third week, August 2 to 6 inclusive, will take up the church and the labor movement. Rev. Nicholas Van der Pyle of Haverhill, Mass., will give five lectures on the facts and forces behind the labor movement and discuss successively "Collective bargaining," "Collective ownership" and "Direct action." His last lecture will be on "The program of the church in the struggle for industrial democracy." Five lectures will be given on "Women and children in industry," and at eleven o'clock on five days in that week there will be conferences under the direction of different leaders on "Profit-sharing," "Cooperative distribution," "Cooperative manufacturing," "The church and private thrift" and "The church and intelligent philanthropy."

The fourth week, August 9 to 13 inclusive, will take up the subject of "The church and the dependent and delinquent classes." Mr. Alexander Johnson, former secretary of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, will have five lectures on "The community and its defective members." Several of Mr. Johnson's lectures will be illustrated by the stereopticon. Mr. Frank L. Randall, the Massachusetts Prison Commissioner, will have three lectures on the general subject of What to do with the criminal; how to treat him so that he may be restored to useful citizenship. Prof. Spencer will have five conferences on practical questions connected with dependency and delinquency.

The program is not entirely finished but is sufficiently far along to indicate that it will present an unusually rich and varied number of topics in which the churches should be interested. So far as we know this is the first time that the people of our churches have had the opportunity presented to them of hearing these subjects discussed consecutively by men and women of national reputation. It is to be hoped that many will avail themselves of the privilege which is offered. Socially-minded ministers and laymen, parish workers and those who are giving a part of their time to general philanthropy will find much in this program which is suggestive and stimulating. The cost of a month's stay in Meadville will be exceedingly low and we trust that a large number will make the most of the opportunity which the school offers.

The secretary of the Department is also arranging for a Country Life Institute at Andover, N. H., to be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 1, 2 and 3. Here the subjects will be closely connected with the life and work of the rural population. The New Hampshire Conference of Unitarian Churches, the Merrimac County Farmers Association, Proctor Academy and this Department have united to conduct the Institute. It will be held at Andover in the buildings of Proctor Academy. The program is both practical and interesting and will be published in full in our next issue.

Department of Foreign Relations

The Unitarian contributors to the church edifice erected by Rev. Antony N. Toplisky in Doubnitza, Bulgaria, will be glad to learn that the enterprise, so near the heart of this devoted man and missionary, has at length been successful. The

photographs of the modest structure sent us portray a comfortable and churchly interior, an organ, and a choir of some twenty young men and women. The first Unitarian church of the Balkans is thus an accomplished fact. Mr. Toplisky conducts regular services and is now endeavoring to organize another society in Sofia, the capital city of Bulgaria. Recently he has been made happy by the accession to the Unitarian cause in that city of a journalist of repute and editor of *The Fatherland*, a long-established magazine of the country. At his own request, after various conversations with our missionary and the reading of Unitarian literature—for he has a fine command of English—this gentleman has been admitted to membership in the Bulgarian Unitarian Association.

The Unitarian services maintained at his private house in Cairo, Egypt, by Professor Zaky, of the National University, were so largely attended by Arabic and Coptic students, as well as families, that their founder was compelled to remove to larger quarters. The war has now compelled their temporary suspension. The worthy professor, who began this work without any knowledge of the Unitarian churches of England and America and has received no support from them, thinks that the Unitarian faith is destined to exercise a large influence on Mahometanism in Oriental countries, when it shall become known to them.

Professor Gaetano Conte writes gratefully of the aid received from the Unitarians of England and the United States, and recently from the National Unitarian Women's Alliance, in support of his Italian work, which is Unitarian in every thing except in name. The title of his society, The Free Believers' Association of Italy, was suggested by the Secretary of this Department, after a careful study of existing conditions in Italy, and proves to have been a wise choice. Mr. Conte is printing in his magazine, *The Italian Reform*, a symposium by college professors, teachers, modernist priests and others, on "The State of Religion in Italy as Affected by the War." Romolo Murri, the celebrated ex-priest and publicist, also writes an article for every number, as does Mrs. Julia Benso, who is organizing the women's side of the movement. A series of articles on The New Bible, largely made up of translations from Dr. Sunderland and others, and a lively correspondence from the field give added value to this bright organ of our cause in Italy. The British and Foreign Unitarian Association has renewed its grant to Mr. Conte's work for the coming year.

An interesting development of the work of this Department is its proposed cooperation in the endeavors of the International Institute of China at Shanghai. Some time since Rev. Gilbert Reid, D. D., founder and director of this important "Mission to the Higher Classes of China," who has labored in that country for thirty years, and enjoys, as perhaps no other foreigner the confidence and goodwill of the Chinese Government and people, invited the different denominations of the United States to send him workers for his institution. The American Unitarian Association responding last year sent him its Billings lecturer, Dr. J. T. Sunderland, and others, who were hospitably received and given every opportunity and encouragement. This year Dr. Reid has himself been appointed our Billings lecturer, and has delivered addresses on Comparative Religion at Pekin and Shanghai. This large-mindedness has cost him numerous large subscriptions to his institution and made him an object of suspicion and dislike to missionaries of the more orthodox type. But with admirable courage and loyalty to reason and conscience he has persisted in his course. Latterly a new way of showing Mr. Reid our appreciation has developed. Miss Edith M. Pecker, a member of Rev. Charles F. Dole's church in Boston, and a young lady of exceptional gifts and consecration, who has already had four years' training and experience as a teacher in the Methodist Mission at

Singapore and Penang, has offered her services to Mr. Reid as the representative of our Unitarian Church in his schools and religious classes. She has been accepted. To prepare herself still more fully for the work which awaits her, Miss Pecker has been taking the courses of the Tuckerman School, as well as clinical instruction at a local hospital. She also desires to enroll herself next June as a member of the Meadville class at the Summer school of the Chicago University. All these plans are subject to the action of the National Alliance of Unitarian Women. If the latter assumes next June the responsibility for this work in China, several friends have promised to second its contributions. Meanwhile Miss Pecker has been making addresses before local alliances and has created much interest and enthusiasm for her purpose.

The New Hymn and Tune Book

Publication Department

Since the last report in *Word and Work* the societies in Concord, N. H., Bellingham, Wash., and Bolton, Mass., have ordered the new book, and reports have come in of other churches with whom the change is imminent. This makes a total of 94 societies which have adopted the book in its first year. Considering the general conditions throughout the country, the officers of the Association feel that this has been a most hearty and encouraging endorsement.

We have this month revised and print herewith the map showing the location of churches throughout the country, where the new book is in use, together with testimonials of ministers who have used it during the past year. A study of this map and of the testimonials will reveal the wide distribution of the book, as well as its universally favorable acceptance. It should be noted that we have already sold the New Hymn and Tune Book, in the Beacon Press edition, to one Universalist and two Union churches, with more such orders in prospect for the future.

The Unitarian Book Room

Persons attending the meetings of Anniversary Week this year are cordially invited to make their headquarters at the Unitarian Building, and while there it is suggested that they pay a visit to the Book Room. This is about the only opportunity which persons from a distance have of seeing displayed all the publications of the Association and getting in close touch with the wide variety of work done by our Publication Department. There is also in the Book Room a display of books of other publishers, representing the accumulation of many months. Notice of these books has appeared from time to time in *Word and Work*, but the opportunity of seeing and examining the volumes themselves should tempt visitors to Boston during the May meetings to pay a visit to the Book Room.

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

The following recent books which may be classed as "books on liberal religion," "by Unitarian authors" or "about well-known Unitarians," have been acquired during the past month. They may be seen at the Book Room, 25 Beacon Street, and purchased at the accompanying prices.

Essays in Social Justice, by Thomas N. Carver; $2.12 by mail.

The Road Toward Peace, by Charles W. Eliot; $1.06 by mail.

News Notes

The Girard Ave. Unitarian Church, Philadelphia reports an interesting development of its work. Under the stimulus of the "Sunday Revival," platform meetings were held Sunday afternoon in a newer and promising section of the city (N. Kensington) and then as interest widened and deepened—a permanent "*branch*" of the church was started, with a Sunday School. It is *not* a mission. All interested are urged to become members of the parent church, joining its Men's Club, Alliance, etc., and quite a number have done so. It is hoped in this way to solve the problem that is raised by the spreading out of the modern city.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

Headquarters: Room 10, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

Miss Anna M. Bancroft, *President*
Hopedale, Mass.

Mrs. Lucia Clapp Noyes, *Treasurer*
11 St. John St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Mrs. Caroline S. Atherton, *Rec. Sec.*,
25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Robert H. Davis, *Cor. Sec.*,
226 Windermere Ave., Wayne, Pa.

President's Trip A Success

The trip of the president of The Alliance was carried out according to schedule. She visited all the branches possible between the Board Meetings of March and April. She spoke to eleven branches and to one Young Peoples' Union and, through the courtesy of the branches, was able to meet representatives from twenty-eight branches. The trip was a pleasure trip and full of interest from the time she was welcomed at the station at Toledo, till she was given "God speed" when starting home from Pittsburgh. No national officer had visited some of these branches in many years and the meetings everywhere proved another link in bringing the larger association more closely to the branches and in obtaining a better knowledge of the work and devotion of the many members, for the Executive Board.

At every meeting except one the minister of the church was present and in some places there were three Unitarian ministers present. Your president wishes she could tell the work which is being done by these strong, fine men. They are all deeply interested in the work of the branches, all feel the value of the work of the members can never be told and that much of their work is only possible because of the co-operation of Alliance members.

Some of the ministers are doing real Post Office Mission work. Their sermons are printed wholly or in part on Monday morning in the daily press and many letters tell how widely they are read and enjoyed, some men have even sent money as an expression of appreciation of the help received from these printed sermons.

At nearly every city, the meeting was an extra one, there were present from thirty to one hundred people, usually there was a luncheon, always hospitality in the various homes and the attractions of the cities were always shown.

In Urbana, the church may well be called a University church as the majority of its members are the professors and their families and the students. One can easily see what a charming group was there. In fact, every group was just as fine as every other group and every group was made up of strong, able women with problems to work out, but everywhere was the promise of success.

One thing was important, for, while they felt the distance between branches was very great, they had the great courage which was required, before they could take the place which belonged to them in the community. The barriers are being taken down and each church is coming into its own.

The experiences of many of the members are most interesting. Mrs. Blank said soon after her husband became professor in the state University, a lady invited her to go to drive. Driving through a wooded path and stopping in a very quiet place, the acquaintance said in a hushed voice as though the very leaves might be listening, "Mrs. Blank, if you want any social position in this city, you must not attend the Unitarian Church nor let any one know you are a Unitarian." Mrs. Blank replied, "My friend, I came to give social position not to get it." It seems she accomplished just what she intended.

At one of the meetings the president saw four generations, The Alliance baby being the youngest. Surely the baby is starting at the right age.

At a luncheon where the officers and

chairmen of committees were present, eighteen in all, one lady said she would like to know how many were born into the Unitarian Church. There were only four and one of those said she wished she had not been, for the joy she had seen come into the lives of some of the others was so great she wished she could have had that wonderful experience.

A detailed account of every meeting would be of keenest interest, but that is impossible. Each branch takes its own place in the community and fills a large place. Enthusiasm prevailed everywhere and an earnest desire to live up to the high ideals of the Alliance.

Charming hospitality was extended everywhere to the president of The Alliance and she feels more than ever before, if possible, the great privilege it is to be at the head of such an organization.

It must be realized that some of these branches, like many others, have debts and discouragements, indifferent and disappointing members, but that the organization is a living organization, made up of strong women, who feel their personal responsibility and are loyal and devoted to all the interests of the National Association. It is a great honor to be the president of such an organization, and it must be a great satisfaction to every member to know she belongs to so large a family of devoted workers, who are really accomplishing work which is broad, far-reaching and always helpful in the spiritual uplift of humanity.

The Anniversaries

The public meeting of The Alliance Monday, May 24, will be held in the South Congregational Church, beginning at 2.30 P. M. The subject of the afternoon will be The Aim of Woman's Work for the Church—the Conservation of the Religious Spirit. Rev. John Haynes Holmes will give an address on conserving the religious spirit through *Worship*; and Dr. Samuel McChord Crothers on conservation through *Service*. There will be an opening devotional service followed by selections from the History of The Alliance begun by Mrs. Fifield and completed by her daughter, Mrs. Mary Fifield King.

The annual business meeting will take place Wednesday, May 26, at 10 A. M., in the same church. Officers and directors will be elected to serve for two years. Ballots and credentials have been sent to all branches and to life members. Each branch, except associate branches, is entitled to one delegate for any number of members under 30, and another delegate for each 30 members additional to the first thirty. If membership has changed in any branch since the number recorded in the last Manual, so that extra delegates are the right of the given branch, word should be sent at once to the Recording Secretary.

If a branch wishes to make a local member a delegate, it may do so by first appropriating money from the treasury to make said woman a member of The Alliance and sending one-third of the fee to the general Treasurer, Mrs. Noyes.

Accredited delegates and life members must present credentials duly signed in the former case by the branch secretary. Delegates unable to be present may send credentials and ballots before the meeting to The Alliance, 25 Beacon Street, Boston. The question is always asked whether the whole ballot is to be voted or only the names of the section where the voter lives. The whole ballot is to be voted by each person. Personal knowledge of each candidate is impossible. The nominating committee has taken great pains in the selection of candidates. Each member of that committee was held responsible for nominations in her section. Suggestions have been sought from all available sources local and general. There is room after each name or group of names for the substitution of a different candidate if the voter so wishes. Each name is to be marked with a cross.

For convenience and economy of time accredited delegates and life members are requested to make their ballots in advance of the meeting and to leave them

with the tellers on entering the church, May 26, 1915.

On Thursday May 27, three conferences will be held at 11 A. M. The Cheerful Letter Exchange will meet in Channing Hall, 25 Beacon Street. At 1.30 P. M. the Post Office Mission Committee will present interesting features of its work in the South Congregational vestry.

At 3 P. M. in the South Congregational Church there will be a general conference of Alliance workers for questions and discussion. Will branch officers send subjects for discussion, or questions, in advance of this meeting to the Recording Secretary, 25 Beacon Street? It is hoped that many will help make this a real conference, with interchange of plans and consideration of problems that shall be of lasting value to all who are present.

Executive Board

The meeting of the Executive Board on April 9 was called to order by the President promptly at 10 A. M. Branch officers who are in doubt about the wisdom of beginning their meetings on time may like to know that the sessions of the Board begin on the hour appointed. A quorum is always present and ready.

Miss Bancroft fresh from her visit to branches sometimes thought of as distant from Boston made all seem very near as she told of her wonderful trip. At the same time letters from directors and reports from branches spoke of the fresh enthusiasm created by her visit and of their gratitude for the privilege accorded them.

The Treasurer reported large receipts for the past month, this being the time of year when most branches pay their fees and vote their appropriations. The money contributed in March for War Relief, $71.50, was forwarded to Fraulein Barth of Frankfort to help her relieve distress and suffering about her. She had written of the needs of German women, formerly self-supporting, teachers, artists, for whose present relief no provision is made. This money was forwarded through Miss Van Eck of Holland. Of the $84 contributed for War Relief in February, $25 was sent to the British League for Belgium, and $59 to Mme. Loyson in Paris for her convalescent hospital in her own home. A total of $510.25 has been distributed in accordance with the wishes of the donors and the International Committee.

As the Appeals are completed one by one, branches may find it possible to give any balance remaining unappropriated, to the California traveling fund. It was voted that Mrs. Davis be sent to the San Francisco meetings. It is hoped that a generous response will make it possible to send at least two delegates with expenses paid. About $100 had been received to date.

In Memoriam have been placed the names of Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Dexter, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. Hannah Maria Hatch, Washington, D. C.

The interest of the Post Office Mission report centered in the increased work of the Philadelphia committees in consequence of the "Sunday" campaign. The great demand for Unitarian literature kept the workers busy. Mention was made of the effort that is to begin in New Jersey in the opening of book rooms at Paterson and in other ways to meet the questions of those who are earnestly seeking to know what Unitarians believe and stand for.

The Southern Circuit Committee reported its gratitude for the prompt response to the Appeal for Mt. Pleasant, Florida. The new church starts free of debt.

Mrs. Peterson will visit various points in Mr. McHale's circuit and several Alliance branches in connection with her trip to Mt. Pleasant and to Louisville. The leaflet prepared by this committee, Unitarian Settlements in North Carolina and Florida, is ready for distribution. Copies may be obtained, free, on application to headquarters in Boston, New York, Chicago, and San Francisco.

Mrs. Davis reported that the history of The Alliance begun by Mrs. Fifield has been completed by her daughter, Mary Fifield King. It was voted to authorize the History Committee, Mrs.

Davis, Miss Low, Miss Field, Mrs. Peterson, to have the history printed. All details were left with the committee. It is hoped to have a pamphlet that will sell for a small sum and also a style with stiff covers. This story of the beginnings of The Alliance, of the deeply religious spirit of the founders, and the growth of the organization so carefully planned, will be read with keen interest by the present workers.

The Alliance book-plate was presented. This is a simple appropriate marker for books given by Alliance Committees or individual members. Application for the book-plate should be made to The Alliance, 25 Beacon Street, Boston.

Mrs. Gilson will be the representative of the Executive Board at the sessions of the Western Conference to be held in Cincinnati, May 18-20.

Mrs. Edward L. Houghton of Norwell, has been elected a director for Massachusetts to succeed Miss Smith of Kingston.

The President and the two Secretaries will be the delegates of The Alliance to the annual business meeting of the American Unitarian Association.

Plans are progressing for The Alliance meetings in San Francisco in August.

Western reports presented at this time were of unusual interest.

The next meeting will be held May 21, one week later than the regular date, in order to secure the attendance of members who may be coming for Anniversary Week.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Manual Blanks

The branches have received the blanks that ask information for the new Manual. There are so many misunderstandings, and some mistakes, not to mention long delays, in sending in the desired facts, that the suggestion has been made this year that the branch president, treasurer, and secretary go over the information together before the blank is returned to Mrs. Davis. The incoming officers will not have the knowledge of the past year's doings that the retiring ones have. Accurate statements including the correct names and addresses of the new officers are imperative if the Manual is to be correct and up to date. Can we not this year save Mrs. Davis the writing of three hundred superfluous letters, superfluous if each branch would send its answers on time?

News of the Branches

The Unity Branch of St. Louis has had a literary program on "Famous Friendships," subdivided as follows:—The Meaning of Friendship; The Friendship of Charles and Mary Lamb; The Friendship of Ernest Renan and his sister; The Friendship of Goethe and Schiller; The Friendship of Madame de Stael and Madame Recamier; The Friendship of Barrie and his mother.

At the Eliot Branch, St. Louis, much social work is being done. The Red Cross uses The Alliance rooms as headquarters and the Chairman of the Social Service Committee keeps The Alliance Board in touch with the work of all important civic and social organizations. The Junior Alliance has shown a spirit of cooperation. The question of an age limit has been frankly discussed but no definite ruling has resulted. One of the pleasant memories of the year is the visit of Mrs. Davis.

On April 22, the Alton Branch, the Unity Branch and the Eliot Branch met for a neighborhood meeting at the Church of the Messiah, St. Louis. The director says "We realize more and more each year how valuable these joint meetings are."

The secretary of the Chicago Associate Alliance writes: "We hope that every Alliance has enjoyed the little hymn and service book as much as we have. We always open our meetings with the reading of one of the services and the singing of a hymn, and if we feel especially inspired, we sing another hymn after the speaker has finished. If there is no one present to play the organ we sing without it. We all feel that

this is a helpful addition to our regular program.

The branch at Kansas City meets with the Laymen's League once a month, serves the supper, and enjoys with the League the speaker of the evening. The girls between eight and sixteen years old have a club which meets twice a month and has a short literary program and prepares for its annual sale.

Miss Sarah L. Putnam after thirty years of splendid service resigned as Secretary of the Chelmsford, Mass., Branch and is succeeded by Mrs. W. H. Northrup.

The New York League of Unitarian Women will hold the last meeting of the season 1914-1915 on Friday, May 7th at Yonkers Unitarian Church at 11 o'clock. After the usual business meeting the annual reports of the various Alliances composing the League will be read. At 12.15 Rev. Edmund H. Reeman, speaker of the day, will address the meeting, his subject "Saints of Today." Box lunch at 1 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all interested.

Miss Ida Slade, Chairman of the Badge Committee suggests that all members of Branches in towns to be visited by Unitarians en route to the San Francisco Conference buy The Alliance pin. It has been proved of great value at such meetings. Information concerning prices, etc., may be obtained from The Alliance, 25 Beacon St., Boston Mass.

A pleasant and profitable neighborhood meeting of a new type was recently held in Jamaica Plain, Mass., when the branch invited to its regular meeting the minister's wife and two officers of the Womans' Missionary Organization connected with each of the six Protestant churches in the town: Orthodox Congregational, two Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist and Universalist. The guests came to luncheon, and after a pleasant social hour listened to the afternoon program, when Mrs. Root, president of the Social Service Council of Unitarian Women, told of the work of that organization in Boston, and Miss Pecker, a recent missionary in China, who hopes soon to return bearing the Unitarian message, spoke of the opportunities and needs in the Orient.

At Unity Branch Alliance, Cincinnati, two parish suppers have been held, followed by discussion of points vital to our denomination. A Christmas party was given to fifty-two children from the Hungarian Mission, bringing joy to the children and their hosts.

Geneseo, Ill., earns money by "doing quilting to order for people from Maine to California."

At Hinsdale, Ill., the branch serves refreshments alternately with the Juniors at the Sunday evening Home Time when the Laymen talk to them.

During last summer at Urbana, Ill., the branch conducted a free kindergarten in the factory district. A series of church suppers followed by a discussion of current social questions has been a feature of the winter.

From Indianapolis — The secretary writes: "The happy year has left no exciting record. We have kept up our regular work—trying to do old things with a new grace. We have been very happy together especially at our weekly luncheons. We have had our usual good talks on a variety of serious subjects given by outside friends and we have enjoyed the series of informal talks on the Bible by our own minister. We have had parties and suppers and old fashioned evenings of games. We have answered appeals and sought to do kindnesses and give help. We have kept our household up and paid our bills besides giving three hundred to our church. We have uttered words of comfort and cultivated the arts of courage and enthusiasm. We have tried to be faithful in the little things and were just wondering if the marks in the road were ruts when along came our splendid national president. We want to thank the powers that be for sending her among us. The best and only word to describe her brief visit is 'inspiring.' We *breathed in* her splendid optimism. As she stood at our luncheon table she was good to look at and good to listen

to and afterwards her hearty handshake was good to feel. Do send her somewhere else. Send her to a lot of places!"

Letters to the International Committee

(*From letter sent by Miss Van Eck, Holland*)

Fr. Barth is a real angel. She suffers so, she is pale and thin. It is a blessing she can help. I will write long letters to her, my German sister. I am *happy* there is such a strong tie between the women of the *world*. This gives me courage and strength and new energy. Luctor et Emergo! God bless you all. When our country is lost (when the war comes) we do not fear it, then we come to you. Everywhere is the blue sky of God.

(*From letter sent by Mme. Loyson, Paris*).

I can not tell you how grateful I am to you for all you have done for me, I think I can promise to spend the money in a really useful way, such as would satisfy the contributors. Since the first day my house has been full. I have 11 beds. So far I have had 39 convalescents. The hospital opened on January 8th. I hope to be able to keep it open till the end of the war, and even after, for heartbreaking as it is to think of, we will have convalescents to care for for many months afterwards. I try to give my men not only the physical care, the rest, and good food they require, but I try to make them feel a home-like atmosphere, and happy. Poor souls! Could you but know the tragedy most every one that I have had to care for is living through! They were nearly all inhabitants of the invaded departments, and since the war absolutely without news of their families. Some have heard that their villages and towns have been burned to the ground, or bombarded, and countless atrocities committed; and their wives and children and old parents were there. These men need as much *moral* help as physical, words of hope and consolation, and yet what can one say before such utter anguish, and yet these men leave me to go back to the front (except when they are maimed for life, alas!) with a simple dignified courage, some even with gaiety that fills me with admiration. So far I have had little need of bandages. Socks are in great demand, and flannel undershirts and drawers, but on the whole money is the most useful. Anything needed can be obtained. This is what I have done with old clothing, etc., given me. For instance I received some scarves too bright in color to be *safe* for the soldiers. I have made parcels of them and sent them where the need is greatest. I have sent things for instance to the French pasteur at Chalons sue Marne, where the distress is very great. Chalons was systematically burned to the ground, and what is left of the population is living in wood cabins hastily built, and suffering greatly for lack of clothing. I hope to send others later on.

March 13—I have heard that a Committee of Friends have gone to Chalons to do relief work there. So that locality is being looked after. But how many more are there in the same plight that will need help of every kind. My husband is well. He is still attached as interpreter to the Anglo Hindoo Army Staff. The children are well. My eldest daughter (just 15) helps me considerably with my convalescents. Thanking you, etc. LAURA HYACINTHE LOYSON.

The Appeals

As the Appeals for the year have been completed nearly a month earlier than in previous years, branches which have still money for disbursement are reminded of their opportunity to send contributions for the traveling expenses of Alliance delegates to the General Conference at San Francisco. Some branches may also find this a propitious time to make their presidents, or some other devoted members, life members of The Alliance; or they may be able to honor the memory of former members by placing their names on the memorial list. The fee for a life membership is $25. A gift of $10 and upward *In Memoriam* places a name on the memorial list.

LUCIA CLAPP NOYES, *Treasurer*.

Young People's Religious Union of the Unitarian Church

Headquarters: Room 11, 25 Beacon Street, Boston

Mr. Sanford Bates, *President*

Miss Grace R. Torr, *Secretary* Mr. O. Arthur McMurdie, *Treasurer*

Directors' Monthly Meeting

The ninth regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1914-1915 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Friday afternoon, April 16, 1915, at half past two o'clock.

President Bates presided and there were present: Mr. Allen, Miss Richards, Mr. Ryder and the secretary.

The secretary's minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as read.

In the absence of the treasurer, no report was forthcoming.

The bills were presented but laid on the table.

The secretary read her monthly report which was accepted as read.

The Executive Committee reported having sent several typewritten letters to the Essex Supervisor to be mailed throughout his district.

For the Campaign Committee, the president reported special letters, relative to the Endowment Fund, having been sent to every Life Member, every minister and every available Alliance member. So far there have been paid $1124.98 and pledged, $1834, making a total of $2958.98.

A report of the Fair Committee was presented by the secretary, which was accepted as very progressive.

The Finance Committee reported as to the amount received the past month.

The president spoke of the urgent necessity of securing a large number of delegates to attend the Annual Meeting; and it was suggested that every supervisor be written to, advising him to urge every union in his district to send large delegations for May 27.

As there was no further business,

VOTED: to adjourn.

Grace R. Torr,
Secretary.

$300,000 by 1916

We have written the following appeal to a number of our Unitarian friends hoping for their interest and co-operation:

Our cause is, we believe, nothing more or less that the future of Unitarianism among the present and coming younger generations.

In these days of sensationalism, can any cause be more urgent than that which seeks to inculcate into the hearts of our future men and women the passion for TRUTH, the desire to WORSHIP and the willingness to SERVE? We need the optimist at the present time, the young person is always an optimist. We need to be liberal, the keynote of Unitarianism is liberality; but we need to make these qualities enthusiastic and persistent.

It is just this which the Young People's Religious Union with your help can accomplish. What will you give to assist us in reaching out to all the thousands of eager young people the country over, potentially Unitarians, the privileges of our fellowship, and thus touch them with this yearning for truth?

The amount we have set our hearts on will enable us to do this. The principal of the fund will not be used. The income will pay the salary and traveling expenses of a field agent, whose duty it will be to stir up dormant organizations, create new unions and increase the membership of our denomination.

We are incorporated, we have been in existence eighteen years and we are anxious to do our part in this great republic by laying the foundations of the coming church, but we lack the funds with which to do it.

Can any cause be greater than this?

May we not hope that you will show your loyalty by sending us your pledge soon?

Sanford Bates,
President.

The following letter will be of interest to all those who wish well to the Endowment Fund Movement and is printed by permission of the writer, being accompanied by a check for fifteen dollars:

To Mr. Sanford Bates, president of Y. P. R. U.—

Your appeal has found its way into my heart and on my eighty-third birthday to give is a greater happiness than to receive.

Therefore I enclose my offering which may assist in reaching out to all the thousands of young people the country over, potentially Unitarians, the privileges of our fellowship. "Age cannot wither, nor custom stale the beauty of it."

This I have learned in my long ife.

Yours in the faith·

Annual Meeting

A great effort is to be made to have this year's Annual Meeting one of the largest, both in point of attendance and interest; and it will be, if everyone who reads this, will make a special effort to come himself and bring others with him.

The meeting is to be held in the new Second Church, Boston, corner of Beacon Street and Aububon Road. In the afternoon, at two o'clock, the annual business session will take place, with annual reports, election of officers, etc. From five to six o'clock, the Boston Federation, with its usual whole-souled hospitality, will tender a reception to the officers, followed by light refreshments.

At half past seven o'clock, in the evening, there will be a religious service, with a sermon by Rev. William L. Sullivan of All Souls' Church, New York City. This is the first time Mr. Sullivan has spoken for the central organization and we consider ourselves very fortunate this year. Music for this service will be in charge of a competent committee from the Boston Federation.

Delegates' credentials, with due notice of the meetings, will be sent out two weeks in advance, as provided in the Constitution, each union being entitled to three voting delegates. We shall, however, expect ten or a dozen from every organization, so please see to it that this number is present from your union.

Boston Federation — Indoor Picnic

The most successful Indoor Picnic, at least from point of numbers, was held on Saturday afternoon and evening, March 27, at the West Roxbury parish house. Shortly after four o'clock, a series of games was started, lasting until the call for supper at six o'clock.

At this time box lunches were brought forth and cocoa was served by members of the Social Committee. During this hour a victrola concert was enjoyed, after which those present gathered about the piano for singing, concluding with "America." Social dancing followed until half past ten o'clock.

About one hundred fifty were in attendance and all pronounced the affair a decidedly social success.

Preliminary Notice of the South Middlesex Federation

The regular spring meeting of the South Middlesex Federation will be held with the "Unity Guild" of Concord, Mass., on Saturday, May 15, 1915, at four o'clock.

This will be the annual meeting for the election of officers and directors for the following year. An amendment to the Constitution will be voted on, changing the article on *membership*, notice having been given at the last meeting, Oct. 25, 1914.

As the form of this meeting will be somewhat different from the usual, all are requested to bring a box lunch to be eaten out of doors in the woods near by. If stormy, it will be eaten in the parish house.

Complete notices will be sent out later with full directions for reaching Concord; but meanwhile we need your full co-operation in working up interest in this meeting. Will you please ask an imme-

diate announcement of this meeting to all young people of your church, and so help in securing a large attendance?

ALDEN VINAL KEENE,
Secretary.

Life Members

One new Life Member is reported—Mrs. Helen G. Buckley of Brockton, Mass.,—made a member by the Pilgrim Federation. This makes our present membership 225.

The "1915" Fair

It has now been decided to hold the "1915" Fair in Hotel Vendome, Boston, Mass., on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 4, 5 and 6, 1915. Although nearly all the principal tables have chairmen, there is still work in plenty for each and for all. No one who wishes to help need feel that we have helpers sufficient. A large fair for two or three days requires a goodly number of assistants. We certainly need the hearty and undivided support and enthusiasm of everyone interested, not only in the Unitarian young people but in the denomination. Assistance on the Children's Table is especially desirable just at this time, so we await volunteers for this department. Who will offer?

The tables so far taken are:

Aprons and Handkerchiefs, by the Pilgrim Federation.

Bags and Baskets, by the King's Chapel Club, Boston, Mass.

Candy, by the South Middlesex Federation, assisted by the Unity Guild of Winthrop, Mass.

Children's, by the Wollaston Union.

Entertainment, by Mr. Carl B. Wetherell of Cambridge, Mass.

Fancy, by the First Church Club, Boston, Mass.

Flowers, by the young people of the Second Church, Boston, Mass.

Household, by the Quincy Union.

Lemonade, by the De Normandie Guild, Roxbury, Mass.

Life Members', by the Brighton, Mass., Young People's Association.

Lunch, by the Nathaniel Hall Society, Dorchester, Mass.

Mystery and Grabs, by Mrs. J. J. Preble.

Preserves and Pickles, by the Winkley Guild of the Bulfinch Place Church, Boston, Mass.

Field Notes

Dunkirk, N. Y. "The club which we have lately organized consists of fourteen members, mostly young people who are still in school or who have but lately left school. We have had only two monthly meetings, so you see that our work is not yet definitely arranged and no calendar has been made. However, four or five speakers have been obtained for the remaining meetings this year."

Germantown, Pennsylvania. "We have had our regular monthly meetings and also a fortnightly dancing class. Both the meetings and the dancing class have been very successful. Now the committee is arranging for an entertainment to raise money for our annual dues to the central body and our annual contribution to the Nicetown Club. Just what form the entertainment will take I have not heard — most likely a play to be followed by a dance. We have also had two very successful federation meetings at the First Church and at our own. We are slowly becoming better acquainted."

Yarmouth, Maine. "Our Union extended an invitation to all the young peoples' societies in town to join in our service. The Methodists did not respond but the Baptists and Congregationalists came in goodly numbers, and the congregation numbered nearly three hundred. Mr. Clifton E. Wass, the superintendent of schools for Yarmouth and Freeport, was the speaker of the evening and gave an excellent discourse on 'Hope.' Then the clergy present gave some inspiring remarks and we had some special music by our chorus choir. On the whole, it was a very uplifting service, and everyone seemed to enjoy it."

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Edgar S. Wiers, *President*, Montclair, N. J.
Mrs. Frank L. Young, *Vice-President*.
Rev. Chester A. Drummond, *Secretary*, Somerville, Mass.
Charles H. Stearns, *Treasurer*, Brookline, Mass.

Connie Mack Says:	U. S. A. Liquor Bill, 1913
"Alcohol Slows a Man Down; I don't bother with Youngsters that Drink." McClures, May, 1914	**$1,724,607,519** Enough to run a billion dollar Congress and build two Panama Canals

POSTERS AND SLIDES OBTAINABLE THROUGH
THE UNITARIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

News

The Unitarian Alliance of East Boston will hold three open air meetings in April and May in the prominent squares of their town. Anti-alcohol slides will be shown from a motor car and Mr. and Mrs. William Tilton will speak.

National Prohibition is probably coming, and it will do good if it can come on top of enough education and be flanked by well developed schemes of recreation substitutes for the saloon.

To develop civic clubs to replace the saloon, Mr. Charles Stelzle has opened an office in the Fifth Avenue Building, New York.

Quaint Russia

The following quaint law was passed by the Russia Duma in 1913, namely, that all bottles of vodka should be labelled thus:

"Man! Although thou hast bought this spirit, yet know that thou drinkest poison which destroys thee. Before it is too late, think! and never buy another bottle." Signed, minister of finance.

Kansas Senate Defends Prohibition

The senate of Kansas is sending to every legislature a bulletin declaring that the state is being slandered by the liquor interests, in a booklet called: "Facts About Prohibition in Kansas." The senate declares that prohibition in Kansas is "good business"—good economics—that under it the sentiment against liquor has steadily risen and that the institutions for carrying the victims of drink have steadily grown less full.

Alcohol and Idiocy

Bezzolt, a Swiss scientist, has discovered that more idiots are born in Switzerland nine months after the grape harvest than during any other period of the year.

When you attend the meetings of

Anniversary Week

MAY 24-28

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A Far Journey
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The remarkable life story of the minister of the Church of the Disciples, who, landing in America a penniless Syrian Stone-Mason, in twenty years attained to the pulpit made famous by James Freeman Clarke. A most delightful and fascinating account, and one of the most widely read books of the year.

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Letters to His Holiness, Pope Pius X
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These books also embody the life-experience of one of our own ministers. The grave questions concerned with the influence of the Roman Church in America, as developed by these tremendously compelling books, deserve the wide and prolonged reading, which they have enjoyed. After hearing Mr. Sullivan everyone will be glad to read his two dramatic books.

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The Works of David Starr Jordan
Apostle of Peace and Clean Living, and Chancellor of Stanford University.

A set of fifteen notable volumes by one of the best known, international figures in the Unitarian denomination today. The Association is singularly fortunate in having upon its lists so many excellent and varied contributions to American thought and life. Be sure to reserve time for a careful examination of this extraordinary set, a complete catalog of which, containing a portrait and biographical sketch of the author, will be mailed upon request.

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The titles include:

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Each of the above volumes, 60 cents; by mail 66 cents; the whole set, if ordered at one time, will be sent to any address for $3.60 (cash with order).

The Association has, of course, many other notable books which may be seen upon the shelves and examined at your leisure. A complete catalog of A. U. A. and Beacon Press publications will be sent you upon application to the

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To Our Ministers

Last fall a new opportunity was offered you for increasing the interest and knowledge of your people in denominational affairs through the medium of a reduced or *group rate* on

Word and Work

Although this plan was not put into operation until September, it was adopted by 8 societies, taking a total of 279 subscriptions. Every one of those 279 subscribers is today a better-informed and more valuable Unitarian, both to the cause at large and to the local church, through the regular reading of this unique monthly bulletin, and so far as the opportunity has been grasped it has proved a complete success.

We hope that this spring many more churches will avail themselves of this simple means of broadening the view-point of their local constituents, and start a subscription list at once, to begin with the October number. The Publication Agent is prepared to supply you with lists, circulars and any other material or information which you think will help you in getting subscribers.

As you, of course, realize, Unitarian WORD AND WORK is the only paper entirely devoted to the denominational interests of our body, and contains regularly the official accounts of our affiliated societies, including the

American Unitarian Association
The Alliance
Young People's Religious Union and the
Unitarian Temperance Society,

together with timely Editorials on pertinent topics of common interest.

The subscription for the nine issues from October to June inclusive is 50 cents; group rates on subscriptions received through societies: 25-50, 40 cents each; 50 and over, 35 cents each. The officers of the societies represented by WORD AND WORK will feel encouraged and stimulated in knowing that you are in direct touch and in active sympathy with their labors through your having this monthly record of their activities.

If you wish sample copies or other information before canvassing your people, address the

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THE NEW HYMN AND TUNE BOOK

ONE of the most gratifying symptoms of real progress in the Unitarian body is the steady and widespread adoption by our churches of The New Hymn and Tune Book, and the New Services for Congregational Worship. Since April, 1914, when the books were first offered, ninety-four churches have made the change, necessitating three reprintings of 5,000 books each, making the total already in use over 15,000.

¶ Such evidence of appreciation on the part of our churches is equalled only by the progress which it indicates toward genuine co-operative efficiency, and the continuation of this general movement toward a thoroughly practical and uniform hymn and service book will be of inestimable value in developing greater interest and coherence in our liberal movement.

¶ Not alone to Unitarians has the new book made its appeal, for liberal churches of other fellowships, recognizing its obvious advantages, are inquiring about it, and we have already filled several orders from churches of other denominations.

¶ Since its publication no word of serious adverse criticism has come to us, which justifies our confidence in predicting that its adoption by any society will meet with the same measure of success which has already marked its use in so many of our churches.

¶ The map on the next page showing the location of the churches throughout the United States and Canada which have adopted the book gives an excellent idea of the way in which it is meeting the needs of churches large and small and in every section of the country, as do the enthusiastic letters of representative ministers who are now employing it in their services.

¶ We shall welcome an opportunity to send a sample copy to any church which is seriously considering the purchase of new hymn and service books, and prices and all other information, including practical suggestions to committees for installing the new books, may be obtained by applying to the

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What Users say about The New Hymn and Tune Book

Rev. John Haynes Holmes, *Church of the Messiah, New York City.*

The publication in April last of the New Hymn and Tune Book may well be described as an epoch-making event. I find myself obliged to register it as my deliberate judgment that the New Hymn and Tune Book constitutes an incomparable achievement. ¶ From the point of view of general acceptability, as contrasted with personal preference, which alone is just, this book is as near perfect as one is likely to encounter in this imperfect world. As regards physical make-up, editorial skill * * * literary and musical value, selections of hymns and tunes with due regard for such of the old as still retain vitality and beauty and such of the new as are entitled to recognition and use, adequate provision for the varied needs of congregational life, * * * it is unsurpassed by any book I know. ¶ Every hymn has been judged from the standpoint of literary value, good sentiment and sound theology; and adequate expression has been given to all the current phases of modern religious thought. The result is a compendium which, so as far as I know and believe, is unparalleled.

Rev. Alfred Manchester, *Second Church, Salem, Mass.*

The Second Church in Salem had for some time looked forward to the appearance of the New Hymn and Tune Book and introduced it immediately upon publication. Several months' use of the book including the services has been with increasing appreciation of its value. The great variety of material within reasonable limits is notable. It is a source of satisfaction to be able to use hymns of Christian loyalty without suspicion of supporting outworn doctrines.

Rev. Frank Albert Gilmore, *First Unitarian Society, Madison, Wis.*

The New Hymn and Service Book is giving satisfaction. The new hymns by Hosmer, Gladden, Holmes and others give the collection a more modern note, while the familiar and endearing hymns are not lacking. ¶ The liturgical and responsive services are a great improvement upon the old book. It is thoroughly good to give congregations a chance to join in the great act of prayer and to sing the choral prayers and responses. This, together with the Psalms, gives the young people a share in the services, a thing much needed. ¶ The verdict of our people is a most hearty approval.

Rev. Samuel McChord Crothers, *First Parish, Cambridge, Mass.*

After six months' trial of the New Hymn and Tune Book I hear nothing but expressions of satisfaction from the congregation. It is a most admirable collection for the purposes of a Free Church.

Rev. Henry Hallam Saunderson, *First Unitarian Church, Toronto, Canada.*

The New Hymn Book with Services has met effectively the needs of a church in a country that is at war. One Sunday morning in September, when we used the "Service of Righteousness and Peace" and three of the majestic hymns, one man, deeply moved, said, "The book has justified itself in this one service." As the weeks and months go by, there is a deepening sense of the strength and the dignity, as well as of the beauty, of this unmatched collection of hymns, of tunes and of helps to the deepest and highest worship.

Rev. Charles Elliott St. John, *First Unitarian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.*

The New Hymn and Tune Book seems to me wonderfully adapted to the use of our liberal churches. I studied the collection all summer with increasing delight, and in the practical use of it I am fairly bewildered by the wealth of new matter, It is a great comfort to have a book which contains nothing which we should never use.

Rev. George Augustine Thayer, *First Congregational Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

Our congregation adopted the New Hymn and Tune Book upon its publication. Our satisfaction with it has grown with use. The large number of admirable hymns suited to the newer thought and aspirations of the time, as well as those which maintain the old high standard of our Unitarian hymn writers in literary beauty and expression, are an invaluable addition to the devotional possibilities of our worship. ¶ Especially impressive in these melancholy war days are the hymns of the larger patriotism, in which the book is exceptionally rich. The long standing hereditary tunes of our denomination have been reinforced by many new melodies, some of them familiar to other church bodies, from whom we have often much to learn, and most of them so far as we have tried them, spirited and uplifting.

Rev. Augustus Mendon Lord, *First Congregational Church, Providence, R. I.*

The New Hymn and Tune Book has been in use in our church in Providence since October first, and has given great satisfaction. ¶ We find nearly all of the familiar tunes dear to the older generation, although sometimes those of us who cannot read music readily fail to recognize at sight an old favorite under a new name. The new music is splendid, and the new words give utterance to our growing faith in a way that was denied us before. ¶ Personally I think that the new book is a long step in advance of any other hymnal that has ever been published by any religious organization.

Rev. John William Day, *Church of the Messiah, St. Louis, Mo.*

We began using the new hymn-book April 24, 1914, and our satisfaction in its use has steadily increased. There has been much interest shown in the new tunes and a group formed itself after each weekly meeting of the ladies to go over the tunes and rehearse those which were most liked. A long list of numbers of favorite tunes was handed to me for use in the church service. ¶ The benefit of using this hymn book is already apparent in the spirit of the service and in the quality of the singing. I regard the value of the book to consist not only of its educational influence. It is fitted to become not only a book of worship but a household collection of religious poetry for the enrichment of the memory and the refining of the spirit. ¶ There is so little that is ephemeral and so much that is of lasting worth in the book that it will be long before it can become outgrown. As various hymn-books now in use are discarded this book will come into wider use; and it will have an important and far-reaching influence in promoting unity among our churches and people.

William Ellery Channing

A prominent American writer and reformer being asked recently, "What is to be the religion of Christendom after the war?" replied: "*The religion of Dr. William Ellery Channing.* In his writings you will find a presentation of Christianity at once reverent and rational, persuasive and practical, loyal to the unique personality and fundamental teachings of Jesus Christ, yet with adequate recognition of the experience and development of Christendom since his day, and full provision for future progress and transformations of belief.

"Dr. Channing's noble addresses on Anti-slavery, War and Peace, the commercialized conscience; on temperance, the dignity and rights of labor, good citizenship and the larger patriotism, anticipated by half a century the matured conclusions of modern political and social science, and remain a permanent source of inspiration to the social reformer, and all who would mould the public mind and energize its will."

In these searching and critical days Channing's writings are especially needed for the illumination and guidance of the Christian world. To go back to Dr. Channing is to go forward into the truth that frees, the love that redeems, the faith in spiritual values that saves mankind from animalism, passion and barbarity. His day of recognition and influence is not over, *it is yet to dawn* in America. Christendom "after the war" will find no source of moral and religious reinvigoration like unto this. To habitually read Dr. Channing's luminous and inspiring writings is to be enlarged, quickened and made morally and spiritually better. The ordinary manual of devotions seems pallid and dull beside the variety and scope of the human interests with which he deals.

Whatever books of interest the American Unitarian Association may publish, its principal classic will ever remain the collected writings of this great preacher of righteousness and herald of the kingdom of heaven upon earth. His life and writings are to be found in the following volumes:

Channing's Note Book	110 pages;	50 cents net, by mail	58 cents
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